



McARTHUR LAKE

Safety Improvement & Wildlife Crossing

OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETING

January 30, 2006 • 4-7 PM
Naples Elementary School
Trail Creek Road and Old US 95

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Your input is needed on this important project. The Idaho Transportation Department proposes safety improvements on an approximately 2.1 mile stretch of U.S. 95 east of McArthur Lake at its crossing over Deep Creek.

The intent of the project is to provide motorists with a safer and smoother drive on this section of Idaho's only north-south connecting highway, and simultaneously improve an important wildlife crossing. Potential changes may include reducing the severity of the curves at Deep Creek and adding a new multi-span bridge, which would provide a safe underpass for wildlife.

Please attend an open house style public meeting: **Tuesday, January 30, 2006 anytime between 4 and 7 pm at Naples Elementary School, Address.**

Project History

Near the intersection with Highland Flat Road (Country Road #4), between Elmira and Naples, U.S. 95 is forced in to a combined horizontal and vertical curve due to a narrow corridor between McArthur Lake (to the west) and the Union Pacific and Burlington Northern & Santa Fe rail lines (to the east). Otherwise posted at 60 mph, this section of U.S. 95 is posted at an advisory speed of 45 mph.

This stretch of highway is located at an important wildlife linkage zone between the Cabinet-Yaak and Selkirk Mountains. Between the years 2000 and 2004, half of reported vehicle accidents in this section of U.S. 95 were linked to wildlife vehicle collisions.

J-U-B Engineers, Inc. of Coeur d' Alene is the design consultant on this project. The Langdon Group, a subsidiary of J-U-B, has been hired to facilitate the project's public involvement efforts.

